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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:)
Bergmann, F.) EXAMINER: Janet L. Epps-Ford
SERIAL NO.: 10/729,570) ART UNIT: 1633
FILED: Dec. 5, 2003) CONFIRMATION NO: 2111
FOR: <u>MANNITOL AND</u> <u>GLUCITOL DERIVATIVES</u>) Atty Docket No. 21545-US1

RESPONSE TO A FINAL
OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on December 11, 2008, Applicants submit the following response. The response is accompanied by a declaration of the inventor in support of patentability. The deadline to respond to the final office action and receive an advisory action is February 11, 2009.

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